

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1035
By Clabough

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Rachel Diehl Unger,
2004 Salutatorian of Alcoa High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Diehl Unger is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2004 graduating class at Alcoa High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Miss Unger has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Miss Unger has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, an astute scholar, Miss Unger has received numerous accolades for her academic excellence, which honors include being named to the 2003/2004 National Honor Roll and in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, as well as being named to the First Honor Roll each semester; being selected as a HOBY Ambassador; and being a recipient of the AAA Award; she is also a Maroon Card Holder; and

WHEREAS, a gifted linguist, Miss Unger has participated in Delta Epsilon Phi, the German National Honor Society; was selected as the National Winner of the AATG Media Internship Trip to Germany; and has won AATG German Awards for Academic Achievement and placed in the top 10% on the National Exam; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of her school, Miss Unger was chosen as a Miss Alcoa nominee; has served as the Editor and Producer of the Digital Yearbook from 2001

to 2004; has been a participant in Youth Leadership Blount County and in the Presidential Classroom -- Future World Leaders Summit; and she has held membership in Quill and Scroll Society, Mu Alpha Theta, the National Honor Society, Delta Epsilon Phi, and the Scholars Bowl Team, serving as Captain; and

WHEREAS, a talented athlete, Miss Unger has played an integral role as a member of her school's Soccer team, earning Varsity letters for three years, receiving the 2003 Alcoa Soccer Tornado Award, and being selected as Captain of the Girl's team; she has also lent her talents to AYSO as a soccer referee; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Miss Unger was a fierce competitor in the 2004 Roane State Academic Festival, in which she placed 1st in the Acting-Solo division; and

WHEREAS, a public-minded citizen, Miss Unger donates her talents and support as a volunteer for the Alzheimer's Memory Walk and Maryville/Alcoa Parks and Recreations Programs; and

WHEREAS, knowing the value of higher education, Miss Unger plans to continue her superb scholastic endeavors as a student at Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, the intellectual aptitude and ambition that Miss Unger displays surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Miss Unger's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Diehl E. and Jeanne M. Unger, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Miss Unger's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2004 Alcoa High School Salutatorian, Rachel Diehl Unger, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.